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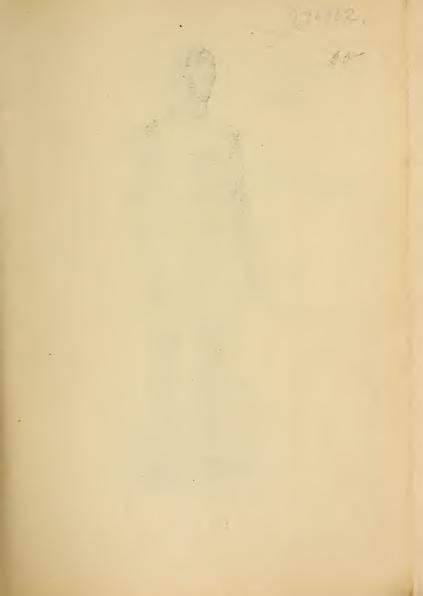
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# How to Run 100 Yards

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#### **Preface**

Many accounts have appeared in various sections of the press regarding my habits and methods of training. On the whole, my methods of training and mode of living have been somewhat exaggerated, so that it is necessary, particularly for young aspirants for athletic honours on the path, to know how I prepare for races and have my methods of training and living correctly reported.

I thoroughly understand that my ideas on training will be subjected to a great deal of criticism by old athletes, and especially American trainers. However, when one realizes the success that has rewarded my efforts and remarkable performances accomplished by me, I can assume my methods of preparation are not so prehistoric as some of the athletic devotees imagine.

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ON THE MARK

#### Morton's Beginning in Athletics

How did you find out that you possessed above the average amount of speed? is a question asked of me so frequently that I will explain the circumstances. The reader will agree with me that it is, in addition, rather humourous. At the age of thirteen I had one particular friend about my own age. This boy's father was an old athlete and in his day had done some good performances; naturally, his greatest ambition was to see his son perform remarkably well as an athlete. With this idea he was training his son in view of a race that was to be contested twelve months later than the incident I am about to relate happened. The race he was training for was a 220 yards handicap for school boys under the age of 16 years. I remember this particular evening very well, as it is a memorable one in my life; otherwise, I, like many others, would never have discovered the latent talent I possessed for running, although among my boy friends it was an understood thing that I was able to run a little faster than most of them. On this particular evening that I refer to, however, the boy's father came along to take his son to do some training. The latter was, however, rather reluctant to leave me for the purpose of training, when the father remarked: "Well, Jack can come along and run with you; give him a good start and he can make the pace." To this suggestion I agreed and all three went to the track. Before going, however, I procured a pair of rubber soled gymnasium shoes. On arriving at the athletic grounds it was decided that I should receive twenty yards start,



ON THE MARK

in order to pull my friend out, which I accepted, and won by such a long margin that this convinced all present that I should compete in the 220 yards handicap. So I was fitted out with my first spiked shoes and running costume. The next time that we went to the athletic grounds for training purposes, it was agreed that I should start level with my young friend, and I gained on him so easily that it became necessary for me to give him the start. On one occasion before the race I was training for, I gave my young friend twenty yards start in the 220, and beat him quite easily. The day of the race came, which was a handicap one; I had been allowed eight yards and my young friend nine vards. This being my first experience in competition, I was naturally very nervous, but after winning my heat, I seemed to have more confidence in myself. My young friend also won his heat and my chances for the final looked very good, considering the marks both of us had received. The final was called and I won quite easily, my young friend being unplaced. The prize was a silver watch. It amuses me now to think what a proud and elated youngster I was after winning this event, which eventually proved the forerunner of many others. After that my school sports came on and I was very successful, winning every race on the flat up to 440 yards; in fact, I was never beaten in a schoolboy race in any of the years I competed. When I left school my intention was to give up running, but many of my friends persuaded me to try my pace in an open competition.

At the age of eighteen I entered in a 120 yards open handicap and received 7½ yards start, the handicap being framed from the British 100 yards championship of 1897. I won my heat, and also the final. This was the only race I ran that year. The next year, my nineteenth, I competed frequently and improved vastly;



AT THE COMMAND "GET SET"

in my first effort that year I was second in the 100 yards scratch in 10 I-5 on two occasions, the champion, Wadsley, defeating me by about one-half yard each time. My performances at this age stamped me as among the first flight of English sprinters and great things were prophesied for me, which were eventually squashed by my volunteering for the army in South Africa. I had over two years out there, and was mounted all the time, which is the worst possible form for athletes.

I returned to England in the autumn of 1902, my one great ambition being to win the British Championship.

Now, to those wiseacres who think and write that I have attained my present championship form without hard work or self-denial. I started training in the middle of February in 1903, hoping to be in fit condition to make a creditable showing in the British Championships, to be held in July that year. After four months of the hardest kind of training, devoting my whole time to the same, I had a trial, doing the 100 yards in 103-5 seconds. I did not compete in the championships that year, and naturally thought my ambition to become a champion or even a first-class man would never be realised.

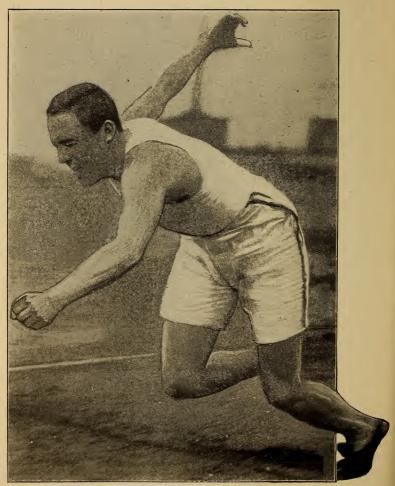
In September, 1903, in a 100 yards scratch race at Burton, I was only defeated by inches by Arthur Duffey. I realised that by training more assiduously I had a great chance in the British championship of 1904. There were various rumours that the holder would not defend his title, but, nevertheless, I was determined to be prepared for all comers. I had heard that Duffey had not turned out at the final of the 100 yards at the intercollegiates which were held that year in Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A., and meet Schick. I had great hopes of breaking the American sequence of championship wins. The first time we met that year was at Crewe,



LEG EXERCISE—SHOWING BODY SLIGHTLY INCLINED, LEG WELL UP AND ARM\_SWUNG ACROSS BODY.

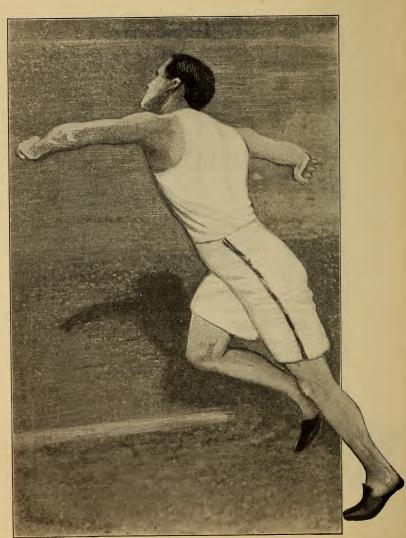
a fortnight before the British Championships, in a 100 yards scratch race. We won our individual heats, but in the final Duffey stayed on his mark at the report of the pistol. I won, but it was a very unsatisfactory state of affairs for me, as I was very anxious to try conclusions with the champion. However, a week later, we met again at Wolverhampton, in a scratch 100 yards. We both won our respective heats. The final was a great race, I winning by a foot from D. Murray, the Irish sprint champion, with Duffey a foot behind for third place; the time was ten seconds dead. This was the first occasion in which I defeated the American. A great many Englishmen still had the opinion that Duffey had not got over his sea voyage and would, the following week at Rothdale, reverse the placing of the British championships. This eventful day for me was not altogether a good day for fast performances, as it rained in the morning, making the track a little on the heavy. Duffey won the first heat in 10 seconds, I won the second in 10 seconds, having very little opposition; C. H. Jupp of the London Athletic Club won the third heat in 10 seconds. The final was very close. Duffey was the first off the mark and at 50 yards was leading at least a yard and a half. However, from there I gradually closed up, eventually winning by inches. C. H. Jupp came third, very close up. The time was 10 seconds. As a matter of fact it was a vard inside.

I met and defeated on many occasions throughout different parts of England and Scotland another American, Westney. The next important race was held at Spa, in Belgium, put up with the idea of giving Duffey and myself a chance of competing for supremacy on neutral ground. It was a 100 yards scratch, and a special prize and medal for same was presented by King Leopold of Belgium. I won this race, Duffey being second. After that



LEAVING MARK-BAD POSITION

I ran in London, and won the 100 at the South London Harriers' amateur meeting, in 0.4-5. A week later, I won the 120 yards handicap in 11 4-5, equaling the record. Next year, 1905, I was successful all along, winning the 100 yards British championship in London; Stark, the Scotch champion, being second. In the month of August of that year I made up my mind to take a trip to Canada and the United States. My idea was principally to take a trip and see the country, as I anticipated that after the hard season I had just finished I would not be in a position to do my country justice. Incidentally, I took my running outfit with the idea of taking a trial. Evidently the sea voyage did me an amount of good, for, after being in the country only two days, I won a 100 yards scratch race in Montreal in 0.4-5, which was accepted as a Canadian record. Kerr, Canada's fastest sprinter, and Walsh of the New York Athletic Club, were second and third respectively, three yards behind. A fortnight later came the Canadian championships, at which I won the 100 yards Canadian championship and 120 yards special in 10 seconds and 12 seconds respectively. Seitz of the New York Athletic Club was second in the 100, the finish being a very close one. The idea was prevalent that he would defeat me the following Saturday, September 3, at the New York Athletic Club games. However, I had an easier journey than at Montreal, winning easily in 10 1-5 seconds. After staying at Travers Island sometime I went to Philadelphia, and there ran on the worst grass track I have ever seen. The race was a 100 yards open handicap, and I won my heat in 10 seconds, and in the final was beaten inches in 94-5 for first place. I now realised that I was getting over the trouble of climatic effects and from this time on was running as fast, if not faster, than ever before. I went back to New York and spent



FINISHING-SHOWING THE THROW AT TAPE

three weeks sightseeing, etc. Whilst there I competed at an indoor meeting at Madison Square Garden, my first attempt at the distance 50 yards, and also my first attempt at running on boards. Eaton of Boston, Mass., the record holder at the short distance sprinting game, was opposing me, and I fully realised when I saw this man win his heat that my colors were going to be lowered. I won my heat in 53-5, and was beaten a yard in 52-5 (equals the record). In the final I more than surprised myself, as I did not fancy that I should do such fast time for 50 yards. However, two nights later I won the 60 yards in 6 3-5 seconds: so, therefore, equalised matters somewhat. This was my first and last experience at indoor racing. On October 15, my last race in America, was when I competed in a 120 yards short limit handicap that was put on for me to go for my own record. I was in fine shape, but all the conditions were unpropitious; the wind blew against me and the track was very loose; nevertheless, I won by three yards in 12 seconds.

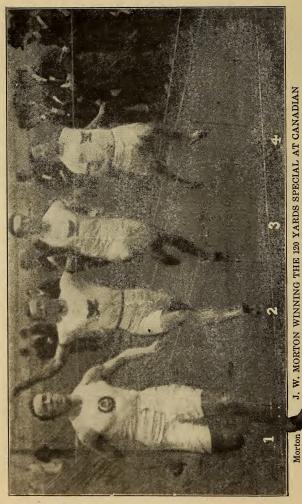


GOOD POSITION WHEN RUNNING

## **Always Persevere**

My principal idea in giving these details is to impress upon the young athlete emphatically—although, from observation, it would be beneficial for many of the leading athletes to digest the following: That the most important factors on the road to success are perseverance, determination and pluck. Never ease up simply because your opponent is a little ahead of you; fight it out right past the tape. Personally I have great admiration for and would prefer to be connected with a second-class man with a good heart than a first-class man with no pluck or determination.

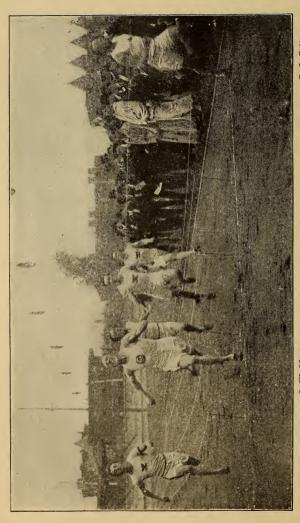
Many and many a time I have thought that places have been lost to a runner who has acquired the bad habit of looking around. Make it a point to look straight ahead. Don't be everwatchful of the man coming up to you. Pay no attention to him. It is an acknowledged fact that a man who is passed first by one, then stops to look around, will soon be in fourth place. This is what some call an "athletic quitter." I am convinced that it is a habit that grows on a man who does not make it a point to fight it out to the finish.



J. W. MORTON WINNING THE 120 YARDS SPECIAL AT CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MONTREAL, 1905

### Morton's Style of Running

My own style of running and action does not find favour with some trainers, and I certainly will not attempt to argue whether it be correct or not, but I have managed to get the pace with the same, and have met with success, and all who have aspired to be prominent athletes will agree that that is the most important part. I was always taught to run low, that is, the body well forward, so that I miss a certain amount of windage and also get my legs out farther and faster. Does it not seem feasible the more forward the athlete is the farther his stride will go out? Personally, I find that if I run more upright my stride is shorter and no faster action. However, whatever an athlete's style is should be good. Never attempt to remodel, as there is a great possibility of the pace going with the alteration. These last remarks will probably be queried. That may be so; my idea here is to give my own opinion, and it is certainly useless for me, I think, to present one thing and believe another. My, or shall I say our, ideas and methods of training in England are different in many respects from those adopted in America. I must admit that in some parts of England, particularly the north, the systems are most ancient. Some of the old school, many of whom had a great deal to do with the competitors in the world-renowned Sheffield handicaps, are still under the impression, and insist, that an athlete is not in condition unless his muscles are hard. A few months back I happened to drop in at a certain track in which two professionals were training, one a long distance champion and the other sprint champion of England. These men did their training, came in, stood up, just had the perspiration wiped off, and dressed.



C. J. Seit J. W. MORTON WINNING THE 100 YARDS CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP, 1905, AT MONTREAL. NOTICE MORTON "THROWING" HIMSELF AT THE TAPE J. W. Morton

#### Massage

Personally, I do not believe in the theory advanced by some men that massage, or rubbing, as they call it in America, is not beneficial. I am firmly convinced that massaging before and after practising, particularly before a race, is of great value. A man that is a good sprinter must have supple muscles. Some men have been fairly good sprinters who were known to have knotty muscles, but in such cases, sheer strength of limb is what helps them out. It is a well known fact that in fencing, boxing, or any other athletic sport, except weight lifting, the man with the loose, supple muscle is usually quick and agile and successful. Furthermore, a man that is constantly running and using his legs will surely become muscle bound, unless the muscles are flexible, and there is nothing that puts the "go" in a man like a good rub before a race; I take many. A lad, particularly, makes a great mistake in lounging about the grounds after finishing training. It is then that the muscles harden up. When you find that your muscles tend to get hard from a quantity of overwork or lack of rubbing, try the hot flannel or hot towel cure. It is, without doubt, the best treatment possible for an athlete that feels a bit stiffene! up or tired in the legs. This treatment is particularly valuable the day before or the day of an important race. Of course, at an ordinary athletic ground, it is well nigh impossible · to have hot towels at hand, but such treatment can easily be taken in your own room. I have covered my legs repeatedly with hot flannels and have observed the benefits almost instantly.

Good rubbers in England are few and far between, and it has been claimed by Americans visiting our country that the cause of many of their breakdowns is because they could not secure the services of rubbers such as they have in America.

There can be no doubt, whatever, that the custom in America of having blankets and bathrobes to cover oneself, either in jumping contests or between heats, is an advantage. In England they laugh at such great care being taken of the limbs. If, however, an athlete allows the muscles to get hard and stiff like a board, it is only to be expected that a great strain will come upon them, and instead of stretching as they should, they become strained or break. Our athletes are naturally careless, pay no attention to keeping the muscles warm, and as a great many of our athletic meetings are held on cold days, the contracting of the muscles is the cause of strains and breakdowns.

### Long Walks Beneficial

As to my own training, I will endeavour to explain that my first meet is usually about the first of May, and I expect at that time to be doing a sound performance. I do not say that I am to be in tiptop form, but in fairly good condition. After leaving the track the previous year about the end of September, I forget all about running, taking long walks and keeping in fair condition. When I commence training about the middle of February I like to have about six pounds of superfluous flesh to work off. The first week I turn out about twice, doing a slow mile, a few minutes' bag punching, gradually increasing the times I turn out and the pace and quantity of exercise each week. After each training spin I have a warm spray, graduating the temperature of the water off to cold; then a good massage. After a month of this I consider my body and muscles toned up and able to stand a little faster work. I do not attempt starting practise until the air gets a trifle warmer, but to get pace I start slowly down the track, gradually increasing the pace until going at fastest. I keep at this for thirty yards and slow off gradually. I find that by starting fast work this way I am less liable to a strain than by starting practise so early in the preparation. About the middle of April I commence to shape up, going in for starting, running about forty yards and varying same with runs through at about three-quarter speed for about 300 yards. At this period I do a fair amount of bag punching.

#### Diet

My diet and habits have been strongly criticised and some writers have a great tendency to mix fiction with facts. Not only for the purpose of guiding the young athlete, but for all classes, it must be clearly understood that the great maxim is moderation in all things. As to the use of tobacco or intoxicants in conjunction with athletics, no one will hesitate in agreeing with me that it is most harmful.

A sprinter may offer the excuse that he is not troubled with his breathing, so does not deny himself this luxury. In the first place, whether it be cigar, cigarette or pipe, a quantity of nicotine must of necessity find its way into the stomach, thereby adding poison and destroying the nutriment that food should give to the body; secondly, smoking spoils the appetite, and is it not common knowledge that for one's food to do one a maximum amount of good one must enjoy meals? As to the use of alcohol, it is needless for me to comment on the degenerating effect it has on the organs of the body.

Now, to diet oneself moderately is another clause. Take my own case. I did not take to athletics seriously, as a hobby until I was twenty-four years of age. Previously to that I had been abroad, where the only luxury was smoking. Well, in a similar case to mine, I do not advocate cutting it out altogether; minimize the quantity gradually; say, take one pipe or cigar (not cigarette) three times a day, preferably after meals. I do not think at this age, providing a man has been used to it, it will do

harm, but let me impress upon the young athlete that this liberty can only be taken by a fully developed and grown man. Do not imagine that when you are nineteen or twenty that you are fully developed and muscles and bones set. An athlete, if he lives a proper life and does not overdo athletics while young, should be capable of his best performances from twenty-four to thirty years of age.

In the ordinary way of training I do not diet myself, eating anything I fancy in reason and naturally do not think of taking pastries, fancy dishes, etc.

The use of intoxicants and tobacco for a fully developed and matured athlete is a point which has caused a quantity of discussion. Personally, taken in the strictest moderation, it may not do a man much harm; nevertheless, a man avoiding these fuxuries is capable of better performances. Then, on the other hand, for an athlete who has been used to these little luxuries of life to give up everything like this is going to take away the pleasure of athletics. I certainly agree that for a leading man that before an important race or a championship it is worth while practising a little self-denial, in order that he may be in absolutely the finest possible condition. It is not very satisfactory for an athlete who suffers a close defeat to think that had he trained a little more assiduously the result might have been different.

### A Day's Work

My daily routine is as follows, varying very little except when an important contest is at hand. In the way of meats I take lamb and mutton only, preferably the latter. Rise at about 8 o'clock; breakfast at 8.30, consisting of coffee, eggs and dry toast, occasionally fish; a quiet walk in the morning, not fast, and attend to correspondence; lunch at one o'clock consisting of cutlets, chops or steak, vegetables, milk, pudding and fruit; about 4 o'clock I do my training; have my dinner similar to lunch, at 7 o'clock; to bed at 9 o'clock. I generally take half a glass of either ale or claret with lunch and dinner. Occasionally, should I have no contest close at hand I indulge in the theatre, as I consider it most essential that an athlete when in training should be in good spirits, have no worries, and be pleased with the world generally.

### **Exercise the Arms and Shoulders**

Leg exercise should certainly be taken in conjunction with exercises for the arms and shoulders. The ordinary chest exercises help a man to retain his form without getting on the track for a week or ten days. I was somewhat astonished while in America that very little attention was paid to the question of getting the arms and shoulders into condition as one would his legs. This is a great mistake, as it is just as important to a sprinter to have the arms and shoulders in condition as the shoulders work exactly in conjunction with the legs. The finest exercise for this is ball or bag punching, for bag punching gives one quick action. I always use what is known as the platform bag, but a punching bag can be used that can be attached to a ceiling or platform. This exercise quickens a man wonderfully, and if one does not sharpen up a bit there are some rough blows from the ball returning. Bag punching brings every muscle of the body into action, leg, arm and shoulder muscles particularly, and I consider it by far the best kind of indoor exercise for a runner. One of the best books-and particularly the only book I know of on bag punching—is Spalding's Bag Punching book. This little book teaches one how to punch the bag and gives many scientific plows, for when one becomes expert at bag punching it is not monotonous exercise.

### Leg Exercises

Leg exercise I have found to be the finest exercise for on board ship and for athletes whom business prevents training as much as is necessary. It was the idea of a great English athlete, W. G. George. I took the idea from his book on training, and I have found it to be so beneficial that I am sure he will not take exception to my making mention of this fact, as I certainly think anything that W. G. George brings forward is worthy of consideration by the present day athletes. It was the sole exercise I had coming over on the boat, and that it did me some good on the way over to America is true when you consider that I ran 100 yards in 9 4-5 seconds two days after landing at Montreal.

The beneficial effects of leg exercise I am a firm believer in, and is the kind of exercise that can be taken indoors or outdoors, either in your office or at your home or at the grounds. On my travels across the ocean I took my leg exercises in my cabin, for I felt confident that if I took such exercise on the deck the passengers would think I had escaped from some asylum.

The leg exercises, of course, can be followed without instructions or diagrams. Simply stand on the ball of the foot, working first one leg and then the other, at the same time keeping the legs and arms in motion, as if one was on the track running. I have never tried the skipping rope, but I have heard many old timers say that skipping the rope was one of the best kinds of exercise for the legs, and in some quarters it is used to-day. Of course the object would be to exercise the legs and give the muscles of the legs good exercise,

### Starting

This part of a sprint race is undoubtedly the most important part of a contest. Even should an athlete have pace and be not fast from the mark his chance of success at any distance up to 120 yards is considerably minimized. The shorter the distance, of course, the greater is the disadvantage a slow starter is placed in. Practically the universal way of starting is what is known as the handspring. In this the athlete, when ready for the pistol, is in a crouching position. Many old-time athletes will still argue that the better position is the upright one. However, as I have never started from the upright position, or never tried it, I cannot argue for nor against it. I have always started the way I am about to explain. In the illustration of my method of starting, I think I make the subject clear.

It is impossible to form a hard and fast rule as to the respective distance for each foot behind the mark, as the length of the leg varies much in athletes; the general way is to make the hole for the left foot about five inches behind the line; then go down to the "on your mark" position, with the right knee about the middle of the left foot; this should bring the athlete into about his correct position; at the same time, should the athlete when he strikes this position not feel comfortable, too cramped up, or not have enough power in the right leg, let him regulate the distance accordingly. In making the holes, be sure and have the back of the same, where the ball of the foot rests, nearly perpendicular so as to get a good push-off. I have noticed

that a great many youngsters will go to the mark and dig a hole a good deal like the shape of a saucer, not exactly knowing what the object of the hole is for. The object is for the sole purpose of getting a good push-off. At the command: "On your mark," go down on the right knee, as illustrated. Do not get into the "set" position until the starter gives the word, as to stand in that position longer than is necessary tends to tire the muscles. At the command "Get set," all the weight should be on the left leg and the arms, the right leg being free, ready to lunge with the report of the pistol. The body should be balanced so much, that should any one give you a slight push you will fall forward. When the "Get set" comes, rise quietly from the first position; think of nothing but the pistol report. Upon the report, push sharply and quickly away with the right leg, af the same time using the hands as if to push the ground back from under you. Being in such a forward position, will naturally necessitate getting the legs to work quickly to prevent falling forward. Nothing but continued practise will make a sprinter efficient. If afraid of falling, it is advisable to make the first few attempts on grass, as the mind will not be diverted. The great thing in sprinting nowadays is to be able to start fast and getting at your fastest speed as soon as possible after the report of the pistol. I do not believe in 50-yard races, as they are no test of speed, but it is undoubtedly splendid practise for the 100-yard man.

One cannot give too much attention to starting. If sprinters are near equal the one that is perfect at starting has an advantage that is hard to overcome.

Practise starting—and fair starting—as often as you can. Always make it a point not to try and beat the pistol. You may win occasionally on incompetent starters, but in the long run it detracts much from your standing as an amateur and a man.

Always make it a point to practise. Keep absolutely steady on your mark. Pay not the slightest attention to the surroundings. Wait for the pistol. It is immaterial what kind of starters are on the right or left of you, do not let them draw you away. In one of my races in America I was much astonished by one of the lads in the scratch races in the lane next to my own. He broke several times and had I not been a heady starter I most assuredly should have followed him, which, of course, would have penalised me a vard, and might have lost me the race. I afterwards made an investigation and found that this was not an attempt to pull me over the mark, but that the lad making the false start had acquired a bad habit that he could not get rid of. Therefore, always make it a point to consider yourself in the race, and no one else. When the pistol is in the hands of an honest, experienced starter you should always bear in mind that you will be given a fair start,

### The Finish of 100 Yards

After one has thoroughly mastered the art of starting, and is developed into a fast man and figures quite prominently in an important event, in order to be successful and get the benefit of every ounce of good that is in him, and particularly when he has on his hands the level race, the finish of which he knows is going to be a close one, and that inches will decide it, it is then he wants to use the "throw" at the finish. There is no finish as sensational as the one that is known as the "throw finish," and by using it I have often won a race which at 95 yards looked like a losing one for me. It requires a great deal of practise and quick action to work it successfully, but when you have once mastered it, it comes to you like an inspiration when you are in a tight corner.

After leaving the mark I pay no attention whatever to breathing, taking a breath as required. At about twenty yards from the tape I take a long breath, quickly pulling myself together for a final effort. At this point a thrill seems to pass through my muscles; I travel much faster, and should it be a close finish, at about eight feet from the tape, I throw myself off the right leg, striking the tape with the left breast, and saving myself from collapsing by the left leg. Should your stride have left you on the other leg at this period, your method will, of course, be vice versa.

It is advisable to practise this method of finishing on grass, as you will be able to pay more attention to it, not being afraid of the abrasions that a fall on the cinder track would cause. Whatever you do, do not attempt too long a throw to the tape and do not attempt to bring the feet together like in a long jump. To be successful with this jump at the finish the runner must get off one leg. This method of finishing has won many races, particularly my 1904 British championship, when I defeated Arthur Duffey. At 95 yards he looked like a winner, but I threw myself and breasted the tape first. Of course, this method of finishing is like everything else, it requires a great deal of practise. I can assure athletes who think it worth while trying, that they will find it very useful in a close finish.

### Striding

This should be done after an athlete has done several bursts off the mark. Run about 300 yards at about half pace and carry the body forward, throw the legs well out forward, as illustrated, and be careful not to try and overdo this. Never attempt to stride long when sprinting at full speed, as the athlete runs a great risk of strain. Always let the stride in the race take its chance. If plenty of striding exercise is indulged in the length of the stride when racing will be increased. It is an important thing to run straight; by that I mean that the feet should swing in line, leaving the spike marks exactly in a straight line. A man that throws his toes out in running loses a lot of ground. This part of the action is more a gift than anything else, and if a man turns his toes out badly it will be practically impossible for him to run in a straight line.

### For School Boys

The meaning of the word Training is often misunderstood. Training is really putting the muscles and organs of the body exactly into the condition as nature intends. However, when any particular branch of sport is decided, the parts of the body which are going to bear the brunt require slowly toning up, to stand the extra pressure. The school boy living an outdoor healthy life, always running about, requires very little training. Every boy should be in good condition, irrespective of competition. In the first place, should a boy have ambitions to become an athlete it is necessary to choose the distance at which you are best. Do not run away with the idea that your size or physique is not suitable for any distance. Whether you be large or small you have quite as good a chance for excelling in any distance. Do not think that because you are short or slightly built you cannot excel in sprinting; or, on the other hand, because you are tall and big you can never be a long-distance runner. I could give you instances galore of the great discrepancies in stature of the world's greatest athletes.

As this book is written for sprinters, I will consider that is the branch you have decided to make your hobby. In the first place, never let athletics interfere with your studies. As should you neglect these for athletics, even should you excel in the latter, in after life your athletic past will not be the means of keeping you.

The school boy should not consider the question of dieting at

all seriously. I do not advocate anything special; simply eat plain, wholesome food, and plenty of it. Pastries and sweets are not good for the athlete, but it would be hard to deprive you of all these luxuries. Eat the same, but very moderately, and not at all several days before your important contests. Is it not worth a few days' self-denial in order to be bracketed as one of your school's greatest athletes? Never think of smoking, and shun any boy that does smoke. It is unnecessary to dwell on this point, as every boy knows, or should know, the degenerating effects of smoking, whether he is an athlete or not. As soon as a boy indulges in this pernicious habit it is impossible to forecast his future, and as regards athletics all hope of becoming a fourth rater is reduced to a minimum.

Now, as to your training; you received from other pages in this book how to start. Let me impress upon you the importance of getting perfect at this point. If you have no exceptional pace and able to leave the mark quickly, it will probably be the means of your winning contests. I take it for granted you are generally running about in connection with different sorts of school games; in that case you will practise for starting and speed alone, as your body should always be in condition. In practise never run the full distance, and always train if possible from the report of the pistol, running 30 yards absolutely as fast as you can, slowing down gradually; never think of pulling up quickly, as you run a great risk of straining a tendon. My own plan as a boy was to have two or three of these special sprints in the evening, or at any time convenient, about three times a week, not more.

After practising starting, stride through at about half pace about 50 yards over the distance at which you intend to compete. The most important factor to remember is, never overdo your training, as you must remember that your body and muscles are not fully developed and not able to stand the quantity of work that a man can do, because he is properly set. Never train the day before your race, and always make it a point never to train or do any hard work athletically when feeling tired out or languid, for then your athletics become work and not as they should be, a pleasure and recreation. I am firmly convinced that more harm is done to the young aspiring athlete by forcing him than by any other means. No amount of driving can put speed into a man if his heart is not in the work; therefore, when tired and worn out, out of sorts and not feeling right, take my advice and don't listen to the trainer that drives you on the path and forces you to do a certain amount of work. About that time you want feeding up and resting. So-called hard training on the track will take all the speed out of you.

You will see this on other pages of this book, but let me impress upon you the danger of attempting to take long strides when training. Do your striding work when going at half pace and when running, let the stride take care of itself. Should you at any time be so unfortunate as to strain a muscle, do not attempt to run again until you are well and strong. If you neglect to care for a strain and compete before it is healed, it will probably become chronic and will give you a lot of trouble in your games as you grow older.

### Comparisons

Having competed for years in Great Britain and made a tour of Canada and the United States I can give my impressions of the American athletes, and a comparison between them and our English athletes. Naturally, my sympathy is with my native talent; at the same time I will endeavour to give an unbiased opinion. I have great admiration for the American athletes, not only as to their capabilities on the path, but also from a social standpoint. They are fine fellows. In my opinion, it is preferable to have a good reputation as a man, more so than to be admired for one's athletic capabilities.

Sprinting in America is a fine art, and I must admit they can give us a start on that point. On the whole, I do not think they possess more pace, but every bit that they have is utilised. One very seldom sees a slow starter, probably due to the quantity of short sprints—50 yards—that are given annually.

In these races it is absolutely necessary to be fast off the mark to stand a chance of meeting with any success. These dashes are useless, but as a means of helping the 100-yard man in his training they are unsurpassed.

I have observed on many occasions there is not such sportsmanlike rivalry in America, between competitors, as we have in England. In a good many cases where two men of rival clubs are close contestants they are bitter enemies. A quantity of athletes generally have excuses to offer why they did not win; there are, of course, numerous exceptions, but on the whole rivals on the path are not the great friends they are in England. I have noticed in England several cases of greatest rivals on the path being the greatest inseparable friends off—and members of different clubs, too. Our English athletes do not take athletics so seriously as in America, Englishmen looking upon running as a pastime and a hobby alone, done for pleasure, and with the idea of not to make work of it.

English runners would never tolerate the methods and the remarks of American trainers. In America the trainer is the head and his word is law, similar to the army. In England the trainer advises—not orders—and the athlete pleases himself. Were English runners put through the preparation as the Americans are, they would, in my opinion, hold their own in sprinting. The air is lighter in America and one seems to run with less effort than in England. American athletes are very susceptible to the cold and should it be a little chilly it appears to knock them off their performances.

### Americans Work too Much

The American athlete differs from the English one in many respects. English runners do not train so hard, which is, in my opinion, because they compete so much more frequently. There are scores of meetings in England every Saturday over the country and any quantity of mid-week meetings. Personally, after the British championships I never train, as I do enough in competition to keep myself fit. In America I felt convinced that the average American athlete trains too much and appears stale and overtrained. It struck me that they do all their best work in training instead of having a little bit left for the real contest. An athlete who has had a few years' experience will know best himself what suits him, without having to consult a trainer. Comparing the capabilities of the respective countries, America undoubtedly supplies the best sprinters. In the first place, the air in America is much lighter and offers less resistance, and one runs there with less effort than in England, but the main cause of American supremacy in this branch is the encouragement given to 50-yard races. To meet with any success in these contests it is absolutely necessary to be fast off the mark and greatly helps when the 100 yards has to be run. In my opinion, it is a good competition for that reason. As a test of speed it is, of course, no criterion. If only our sprinters could be persuaded to pay more attention to the start, I fancy they would soon be in position to hold their own with the best in America.

Indoor running is very good for keeping in fair condition throughout the winter, but long-distance running on such a small board track is merely fit for novices and fourth raters. I cannot understand first-class men risking their reputations and also limbs in such scrambles.

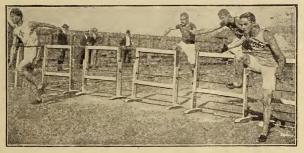
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Athletes should make it a point to have two suits of athletic apparel, one for competition and one for practice purposes. The clothing that some of our crack athletes wear in competition is

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In laying out or re-arranging grounds great care should be taken to see that the field sports can go on without interference, and in the management of a large meeting it is very essential

that more than one field sport should go on at one time. Therefore it should be arranged to have the running broad jump, running high jump,



and the circle for weight-throwing separated. In order to have your plant as perfect as possible, it is necessary that you have all the apparatus that is necessary, not only to conduct an athletic meet, but to give the different athletes an opportunity to practice the various sports.



Toe Board or Stop Board.

There are many things that are required. Great care should be taken in the arrangement of the broad jump. The toe board is a very important article and is generally overlooked, and the runway requires as much attention as

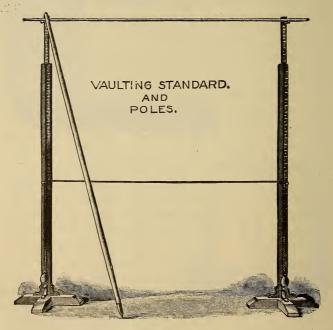
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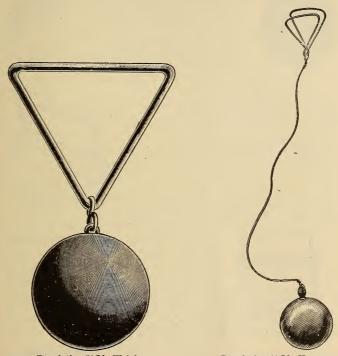
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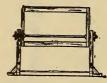
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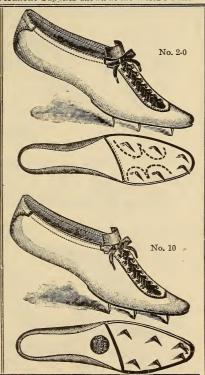
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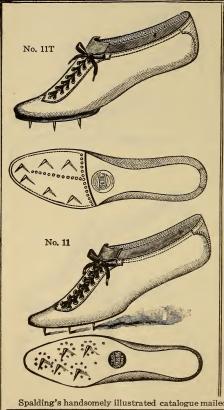
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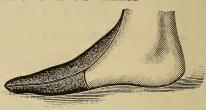
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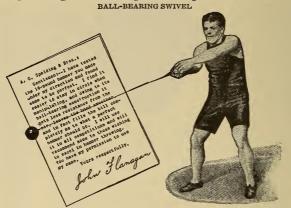
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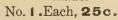
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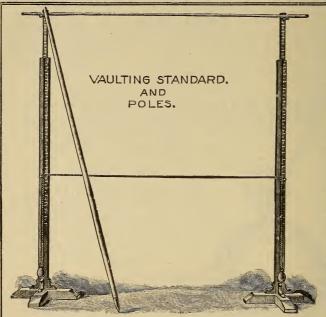
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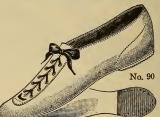
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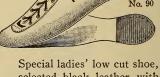
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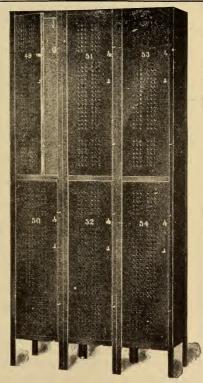
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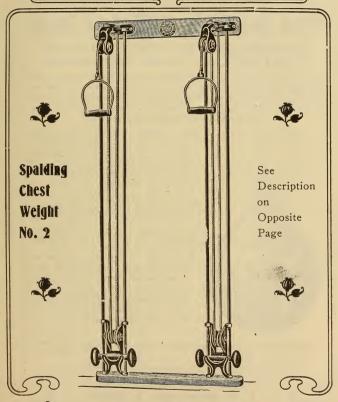
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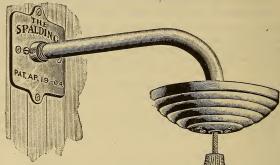
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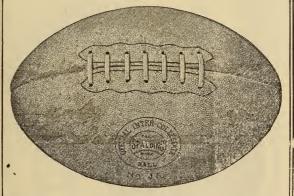
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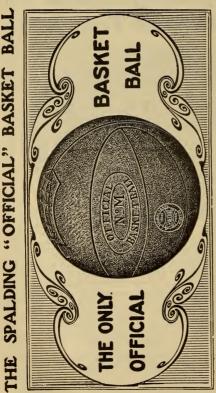
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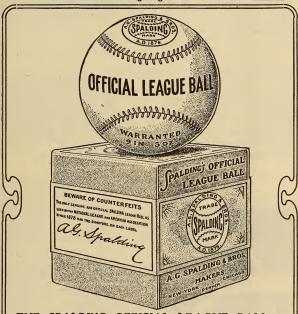
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